



Family Safety Center

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Governor Haslam to Attend Family Safety Center Grand Opening

Tennessee Governor Bill Haslam will join other community leaders this week for the official grand opening of The Family Safety Center (FSC) in midtown Memphis. Representatives of more than 20 agencies will coordinate criminal, civil, social, and victim assistance services at the Madison Professional Building, 1750 Madison Avenue. The ceremony will be held Thursday, April 26, 2012 at 3:30 p.m. in the lobby.

“This is a great day for crime victims and their families,” said Olliette Murry-Drobot, executive director of FSC. **“The Family Safety Center will provide victims easy access to all needed resources, while ensuring a more coordinated response by all agencies,”** added Ms. Drobot.

The concept of housing several agencies in one building was the result of a coordinated response to domestic violence through **“Operation: Safe Community,”** an organization that monitors crime trends throughout Shelby County. Representatives of businesses, churches, schools and community groups meet routinely to devise ways to prevent and better respond to crime. The ceremony marks the move of several agencies that will be permanently located in the building:

- Exchange Club Family Center
- Memphis Area Legal Services
- Domestic Violence Investigative Unit of the Memphis Police Department
- Domestic Violence and Sex Crimes Units of the Shelby County Sherriff's Office
- Domestic Violence Unit of the Shelby County District Attorney General's Office
- Shelby County Crime Victims Center
- Shelby County Rape Crisis Center

Other agencies will have staff working part-time at the center:

- MIFA's Division of Children and Family Services
- Sofia's House/Catholic Charities of West Tennessee
- YWCA of Greater Memphis's Abused Women's Services
- Jewish Family Center

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Other off-site agencies will also be part of the network:

- Bartlett Police Department
- CHOICES: Center for Reproductive Health
- Cocaine and Alcohol Awareness Program Inc. (CAAP, Inc.)
- Collierville Police Department
- Community Legal Center
- Emotional Fitness Centers
- Germantown Police Department
- Le Bonheur Children's Hospital
- Memphis Child Advocacy Center
- Millington Police Department
- Rock Christian Church Memphis
- Tennessee Department of Children's Services
- Victims to Victory

For more information on the Family Safety Center and the services it provides to victims of domestic violence, visit www.familysafetycenter.org or call (901) 222-4400.

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